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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR AUTHENTICATING THE DOWNLOAD OF INFORMATION ONTO A SMART CARD

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(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Extension is 0 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the 0 day extension on the front page.

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	09/522,628	PETIT, FREDERIC	
	Examiner Kambiz Abdi	Art Unit 3621	

— The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address—
 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 6 August 2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 19, 27 and 34-36.
3. The drawings filed on 10 March 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
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8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The text prior office actions are incorporated in this office action by reference. Applicant has filed an amendment/argument after an office action mailed on 6 April 2004, which has been entered.

- Claim 1 is amended.
- Claims 1-19, 20-26, 28-33, and 37 are canceled.
- No claim has been added.
- Claims 19, 27, and 34-36 have been allowed.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Daniel R. Pote on 15 September 2004.

The examiner under agreement by the attorney representing the applicant has amended independent claims 19 and 34.

The claim in the application has been amended as follow:

19. A method for an information owner to download software to an information device over a network, wherein said information device comprises a smart card, and said method comprises the steps of:

- a. the information owner delegating to a third party, download of said software from a server associated with said third party to the information device, wherein said information device is capable of downloading new instruction, update existing instructions, and overwriting existing instructions;
- b. the information device computing an acknowledgment of said download of said software, wherein said acknowledgment includes a digital signature created via public key encryption;

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- c. the information device sending said computed acknowledgment to the information owner via said network; and
- d. the information owner verifying the computed acknowledgment, wherein only the information owner can verify the computed acknowledgement,

34. A system for allowing a smart card issuer to securely delegate to a third party the download of an applet to a smart card over a network, said system comprising:

an external device associated with said third party and having said applet resident thereon, said external device capable of transferring said applet to said smart card, wherein said applet is associated with said issuer and said applet is transferred by said third party as delegated by said issuer, said information device capable of downloading new instructions, update existing instructions, and overwriting existing instructions;

said smart card includes instructions configured to initiate a public-key acknowledgement process that produces a digital signature responsive to successful transfer of said applet and utilizing a cryptographic key stored on said smart card, and send said digital signature to said issuer for validation by said issuer, wherein only the issuer can validate said acknowledgement.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-14 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reason for allowance:

5. The closest prior art of record is U.S. Patent No. 5,923,884 to Patrice Peyret et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,105,008 to Vigil M. Davis et al. provides general methods and systems for upgrading or installing new application software or data on an smart card and validating such transaction. Peyret teaches the download of an applet into a smart card. Davis teaches general practice of control and verifying load commands and load success by providing a system for downloading data into a smart card and creating and acknowledgment that is verifiable by the server. What distinguishes the current claims over the art of record is that the software applet is distributed by a third party which has been delegated the tasks of downloading new instruction, update existing instructions, and overwriting existing

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instructions in a smart card. Once the successful task has been accomplished, the smart card internally and without the intervention of the third party system, generates an acknowledgment that is forwarded to the issuer for verification of the successful downloading new instruction, update existing instructions, and overwriting existing instructions assigned to the third party has been accomplished at the smart card.

6. The closest foreign prior art of record is European Patent Application EP 0949 595 A2 to Jack C. Pan, and the NPL cited in the application, titled "A New High-security, Multi-Application Smart Card Jointly Developed by Bull and Philips", by P. Schnable, 1991.

7. In regards to claims 19 and 34, the closest prior art of record when taken either individually or in combination with other prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the step of a delegation of downloading new instruction, update existing instructions, and overwriting existing instructions in a smart card to a third party and verification of successful accomplishment of such tasks by the issuer without any intervention by the delegated party and only by the virtue of internal processes of the smart card for generating such encrypted acknowledgment.

8. Claim 27 is dependent upon claim 19 and claims 35-36 are dependent upon claim 34, thus they all have the limitations of claims 19 and 34, therefore, they are allowable for that same reason stated above.

Conclusion

9. Any comments considered necessary by the applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issues fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kambiz Abdi whose telephone number is (703) 305-3364. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James P. Trammell can be reached on (703) 305-9768.

11. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

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